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Air India Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes a large scale expansion of its international network with flights to South America, Toronto, Spain and Africa and increasing frequencies to destinations such as Dubai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the number of flights handled everyday by the airports in the country, airport-wise and airline-wise?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(a) & (b) : Air India has wide International network and currently operates to 35 international destinations in the US, Europe, Middle East, South East Asia, Far east and Australia. Introducing new flights on these sectors is a dynamic activity which depends on financial viability, availability of resources and slots.

(c) : As per winter schedule 2015, scheduled domestic airlines are operating from 80 airports with in the country, which includes metro, non-metro cities, remote/regional areas including religious, historical and tourist places of the country. The list of 80 airports in the country having scheduled operations is at Annexure -I. The Indian domestic aviation has
been totally deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity, and Airlines are free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. As per approved winter scheduled, 2015, the average airline-wise departure per week for domestic airlines is at Annexure-II.